

In the Drawings:

The attached sheet (sheet 7 of 10) of drawings include amendments to FIG. 4d. This sheet, which include FIGS. 4a-f, replace the original sheet including FIGS. 4a-f. In FIG. 4d, one of the elements 434 (a “cutting edge” protruding upward from the “sizer”) has been amended to read 434’.

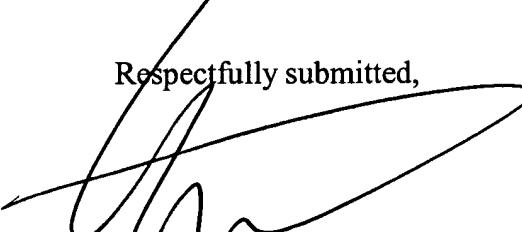


Remarks

Claims 254-261, 278-285, 302-309, 318-326, 328-334, 337-341, 372-401, 410-421, 423-426, 430, 432-482, and 484-485 have been allowed. Applicant submits that the amendments to the specification and drawings correct typographical errors as well as minor corrections for clarification purposes. Applicant submits that the amendments to the specification and drawings provide no new material and do not require any further search on the part of the Examiner.

A Fee Authorization is enclosed to cover fees for issuance. If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any further fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5838-00300/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric B. Meyertons
Reg. No. 34,876

Attorney for Applicant

MEYERTONS, HOOD, KIVLIN, KOWERT & GOETZEL, P.C.
P.O. Box 398
Austin, TX 78767-0398
(512) 853-8800 (voice)
(512) 853-8801 (facsimile)

Date: May 31, 2005